

## THE TURK MUST YIELD.

Europe Decides to Reduce the Sultan to Vassalage.

ALL IS READY FOR ACTION.

Abdul-Hamid II. Will Probably Know His Fate This Week.

Russia, France, and England will at once compel the Sultan to accept radical reforms under the joint supervision of these powers—Germany, Austria, and Italy agree that the Russian, French, and English fleets may go to Constantinople to enforce the demands. They will act at once if the Sultan fails to yield. Immediate obedience—M. Nelloff leaves St. Petersburg with the demands. They will be presented to the Sultan by the three ministers. The dismemberment of Turkey is not contemplated.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.  
LONDON, Dec. 8.—The deadlock which has been the foulest reproach to modern civilization and to the humanity of the age is broken at last. It is also that contemptible thing which the world has known during the past year as the Concert of Europe. In the place of both, for they both mean the same thing, there has been created a new and living potentiality, which, while it will not undertake to avenge the innocent blood already shed, will speedily strip the guilty of all further power of outrage and massacre.

The Turk is to be coerced. The Sultan is to be reduced in fact if not actually in name to vassalage. His fate will be made known to him probably before the end of the present week.

Russia, France, and Great Britain have decreed it. Should he resist, or fail to bow at once to the inevitable, then the combined fleets of those three powers will enforce their behest.

Such, in brief, is the infinitely welcome news which will bring relief and a sense of restored self-respect to the whole Christian world. It is not officially announced yet. It may even be discredited in certain quarters for a few hours as premature. Nevertheless I am prepared to affirm it without reservation.

It was not until yesterday that the full consummation was reached. Russia, France, and Great Britain arrived at a substantial agreement on a plan of action last week. There remained the necessity of getting the consent of the other three powers which were signatories of the Berlin convention. Italy and Germany agreed without much demur. Austria hesitated long, and it was not until yesterday's emergency cabinet council in London, which discussed and approved the whole plan, that the Austrian ambassador notified Lord Salisbury of the rather unwilling assent of his Government to the Russian, French, and British fleets shall force the Dardanelles, if necessary. In the execution of the new policy.

It is impossible, at this moment, to furnish the exact details of the solution of the Turkish problem which has been agreed upon. It may, however, be partially defined in a negative way. It provides nothing so radical as a division of the Turkish empire. Such a project has not been for a moment considered. The integrity of Turkey will be substantially maintained.

The terms of the new policy have practically been dictated by Russia. It came about finally that the English and other representations brought home to the Czar's Government a realization of the fact that the policy of inaction for which it is chiefly responsible, in the face of the accumulating horrors of Turkish misrule, had become intolerable. Even French influence has been for some time strongly in favor of some form of intervention. Russia eventually yielded in principle, but the discussion of ways and means has occupied nearly three months.

There are two or three versions in diplomatic circles of the policy at last decided upon. This is one:

"That Russia shall occupy the northeastern corner formed by the Bosphorus and the Black Sea and extending to a point about half way between the Bosphorus; that Constantinople and the Dardanelles shall be placed under European protection, but shall remain under the rule of the Sultan, the forts at the Dardanelles being dismantled and the passage becoming entirely free. No further change is suggested in regard to the integrity of the Turkish empire."

This includes, also, European supervision of some of the Sultan's appointments. But I believe this assumption of virtual Russian domination is somewhat too sweeping. Some such plan as that is said to have been advocated by M. Nelloff, the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, who, since the death of M. Lobanoff, is the ablest man in the service of the Czar with regard to the Eastern question.

Two things may be confidently assumed regarding the *modus vivendi* or whatever the new agreement between the powers may be termed. First, that substantial guarantees of good government for all the races in Turkey shall be provided; second, that Russia shall retain her practical mastery of the situation in the Sultan's domain.

The terms of agreement, about which I have positive information, do not seem to indicate an intention to summon any new conference of the powers for the revision of the Berlin Convention. Russia, France, and England have simply agreed to compel the Sultan to adopt radical reforms under joint supervision of the powers, and they have asked and obtained the consent of the other three powers to the sending of the fleets of the new triumvirate through the straits if necessary to enforce their demands.

Orders have already been given to the British, Russian, and French squadrons in the Levant to assemble at the entrance to the Dardanelles, and to the Russian Black Sea fleet to prepare to enter the Bosphorus in the event of the Sultan's failure to yield immediate obedience to the formal demands.

stantinople. He will consult with the French and British Ambassadors there on his arrival and they will make a joint representation to the Sultan with the least possible delay. What the response will be is a matter of pure conjecture. If Abdul-Hamid is in a sane mood it is to be expected he will submit with the best grace possible. If not, then there may be a final great tragedy at Constantinople, which could not fail to compel a more radical and permanent settlement of the Eastern question than is contemplated by the present agreement.

The risk is a very real one, and there is no doubt that it has been taken into careful consideration under the terms of the new arrangement. The contingency has been provided against, but how has not yet been made known.

## HETTY GREEN NOT TAKEN IN.

Dutton Wanted a Half Million of Her Money—Didn't Get It.  
Mrs. Hetty Green, known as the richest woman in America, was the star witness yesterday at the trial in General Sessions of Stephen A. Dutton, who is charged with swindling Miss Lily Alice Godfrey of Washington.

When Assistant District Attorney Osborne called on Mrs. Green to testify, she stood, she stepped forward brisk as a girl.

"What is your full name?" asked Mr. Osborne.  
"Hetty Howland Robinson Green," said the witness.  
"Are you acquainted with Stephen A. Dutton?"  
"I've heard of him."  
"What were your transactions with Dutton in relation to the Brooklyn dock at Pier 25?"  
"I was asked for a loan on it."

"How much?" asked Mr. Osborne.  
"Six hundred thousand dollars," said Mrs. Green. "In a business way." "Six hundred thousand," but they said they would accept five hundred thousand."

"What was the loan for?" asked Mr. Osborne.

"Why not, the idea?"  
"Lily Alice Green examined Mrs. Green. 'Had you ever seen Dutton before?' she asked. 'I don't think so,' she answered. 'Did you ever see him in New York?'  
"Not personally, but a man who told me he was Dutton's lawyer came to me and asked for \$500,000. Then he said \$250,000 would do."

"What was the money for?" asked Mr. Osborne.  
"The money was for the purchase of the Holland Trust Company, testified that the deed for the Brooklyn dock property was put in the trust company's care to be delivered to Dutton when he had ever been paid, and the deed was not delivered."

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## REPUBLICANS IN DOUBT.

THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE DINGLEY BILL.

Silver Men Bolt the Senate Caucus and Will Not Vote for Any Tariff Measure Which Lacks a Free-Coinage Provision—Even New England Senators at Odds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The fate of the Dingley tariff bill is now in the hands of a Steering Committee of Republican Senators. This committee was appointed at a caucus this morning, and instructed to map out a general legislative program for the session. The members of this important committee are Allen of Iowa, Aldrich of Rhode Island, Hale of Maine, Quay of Pennsylvania, Davis of Minnesota, McMillan of Michigan, Perkins of California, Pritchard of North Carolina, Shoup of Idaho, and Handbrough of North Dakota.

This committee was appointed after it became apparent that there was such a diversity of opinion among the Republicans as to the wisdom and practicability of reopening the tariff question at the present session that much consultation would be necessary before an agreement could be reached. The New Englanders are divided in opinion as to what ought to be done, and Har and Aldrich stated in the caucus this morning that the political division of Senators is such as to make it impossible to pass a party measure, even if the Republican caucus should be unanimous in its favor.

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A close personal friend of Dr. Talmage in Brooklyn, who was formerly a leading member of the Tabernacle congregation, and one of the best of friends of the Rev. Dr. Talmage, told last night of the report that Dr. Talmage was to marry Miss Mangum.

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## TALMAGE TO MARRY AGAIN.

He Will Wed Miss Marie Mangum, Sister of His Non-in-Law.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 8.—It is announced in Sing Sing to-night on the most reliable authority that Miss Marie Mangum of this village and the Rev. Dr. T. D. Witt Talmage are shortly to be married. In fact, the ceremony will in all probability take place before the end of the month. Dr. Talmage has been a widower over a year.

Miss Mangum, who is about 30 years old, is the daughter of Daniel D. Mangum of the firm of D. D. Mangum & Co., commission merchants of 77 Broad street, New York, whose summer residence is the "New York" at Talmage, Daniel D. Mangum, Jr., married a daughter of Dr. Talmage and resides in Brooklyn. Miss Mangum's marriage to the venerable preacher, who is nearly 65 years of age, will make her her brother's stepmother.

Dr. Talmage has been a frequent guest at the Mangum residence for months, and the announcement of his approaching marriage is no surprise to the society people of this place. At the Mangum residence to-night the exact date of the wedding could not be ascertained, but will probably be announced in a day or two.

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## OLNEY WOULD DEFY SPAIN.

WISHED CLEVELAND TO FIX THE DATE FOR INTERVENTION.

Cleveland Not Only Declined to Do So, but Also Told Down His Secretary's Report on the Insurrection—Our Country and Inconvenient Policy Duty for Spain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Sherman, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, is quoted as saying that there will be no action on the Cuban question by a session of Congress. This is the view taken by a majority of the Senators, who discussed the subject in caucus to-day, but the question was not considered formally.

The President's failure to take a decided stand is a great disappointment to both Houses and the discussion of the matter has led to the discovery that if Mr. Cleveland had permitted the Cuban portion of his message to stand just as written by Secretary Olney the document would have been much more satisfactory to all friends of Cuba.

It is stated by those who maintain that they speak by the card that, as originally submitted, Mr. Cleveland's report on Cuba was as vigorous as the Venezuelan message of a year ago. The original report demonstrated that Mr. Olney believed a definite limit of time should be fixed, and that at its expiration it would be incumbent upon the United States Government to interfere with the Cuban insurrection.

When this report was received at the White House the President at once concluded that it was not expedient to include it verbatim in his message. Mr. Olney vainly insisted that the Secretary of State should adopt a course which would leave the public in doubt as to when action could be expected or how long the war would be permitted to continue and the interests of Americans be sacrificed before intervention should take place.

That part of the message which states that if autonomy is not given the Administration may have to resort to force, is said by some of the friends of the insurgents here to be a sound reason why Cuba should not accede to the "intimation" of any plan for autonomy that Spain might offer. The President practically admits that if autonomy is refused the United States will interfere, which would mean either the purchase of the island or the recognition of its independence.

Congressmen and State Department officials do not expect that Spain will make any such offer to the insurgents. To do it, they say, would be to acknowledge that the home Government regards the insurrection as beyond the power of the ruler and would result in the Cuban cause being greatly strengthened through the enlistment of persons now wavering in their loyalty to Spain.

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## SEIZE CUBA, SAYS MILLS.

A Joint Resolution to Be Introduced in the Senate to-Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Mills of Texas will introduce to-morrow the following resolution in the Senate:

"Joint resolution directing the President of the United States to take military possession of the island of Cuba and hold it until the inhabitants can institute such government as they may wish and organize and arm such forces as may be necessary to protect them against invasion."

"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States is hereby directed to take possession of the island of Cuba with the military and naval forces of the United States, and hold the same until the people of Cuba can organize a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed, and arm and equip such military and naval forces as may be necessary to secure them against foreign invasion."

MR. GLADSTONE WILL GO TO CANNES.

He Has Been Suffering From Frequent Attacks of Shortness of Breath.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Mr. Gladstone has been afflicted with frequently recurring attacks of shortness of breath since last Thursday. The doctors attending the ex-Premier say that although the attacks are not very dangerous, they are really a real cause for anxiety, but it will be necessary for Mr. Gladstone to spend the winter at Cannes.

TO MOVE A HOTEL BODILY.

The Ocean House on Coney Island to Be Pulled Back from the Beach.

The feat of moving the Ocean House at Brighton Beach nearly a block with only three horses will be attempted to-day, weather permitting. The hotel belongs to the Brighton Beach Association. It is 150 feet long, 70 feet deep, and has two stories and an attic. It now stands just west of the elevated road that connects Brighton Beach with West Brighton. The music pavilion of the Seid's Society, before it was wrecked by the storm in October, was about a block to the east of the Ocean House.

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